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Dublin, August 20.

ON the 18th, Heads of a Bill to prevent Charge and Expence in Election of Members to serve in Parliament, and for Regulating Elections, and preventing Irregular Proceedings of Sheriffs and other Officers in Electing and Returning such Members, were again read and agreed to by the House with some Amendments; and 'twas ordered that the said Heads of a Bill be carried to the Lords-Justices, and their Lordships desired, that the same may be put into form and transmitted into *England*. Report was made to the House, that the Lords-Justices had appointed 5 a Clock this afternoon to be attended with their Address. Heads of a Bill for the more Easie and Speedy Securing and Recovery of small Debts, were presented to the House and Received. A Bill for Barring the Remainders and Reversions Dependant or Expectant on Estates Tails forfeited to His Majesty, was presented to the House, received and read the first time, and ordered a second Reading on Tuesday. Heads of a Bill for Erecting and Continuing Lights in the City of *Dublin*, and the several Liberties adjoining, were presented to the House and received.

The 19th Mr. Speaker reported, that he had with the House attended the Lords-Justices, and presented their Address to their Lordships, which follows.

The Humble Address of the Knights, Citizens, and Burgesses in Parliament Assembled.

May it please your Excellencies,

WE *have passed a Bill transmitted out of* England, *Intituled*, An Act for Confirming several Outlawries and Attainders, *and also for* Vesting in His Majesty the Estates of those that are dead in Rebellion here or in Foreign parts. *And lest any thing in the said Bill might hereafter be so construed as to prejudice the Estate of any Protestant, whose Interests were never intended to be injured thereby, we therefore beseech your Excellencies to transmit into* England *in Form these Heads of a Bill, which we have prepared, and herewith present to your Excellencies, for saving the Estates, Rights, Titles and Possessions of Protestants from being prejudiced by the said Bill.*

And we do unanimously, earnestly, and humbly intreat your Excellencies to recommend the same so effectually to His Majesty, that it may be returned to us this Session in order to be passed into a Law.

And that their Excellencies were thereupon pleased to say to the effect following.

WE *do believe the whole Kingdom is satisfied, that the King designs nothing more than the good of His Protestant Subjects, the Orders He has been pleased to give us are express to that effect; and we have reason to hope, it is observed how exactly we have endeavoured to follow those Orders: we shall always continue so to do, and in this case particularly we shall be very careful to represent to His Majesty the preservation of the Interest of His Protestant Subjects, to the end that no one of them may suffer by that Law which we did believe so advantageous to the Protestant Interest in General.*

Heads of Bills were presented to the House for reducing the Interest of Money from 10 to 8 *per Cent.* and for Relief of Creditors by making Composition with their Debtors in case two thirds in Number and Value do agree; which were received. Heads of a Bill lying on the Table to prohibit Butchers from being Graziers, and to Redress several Abuses in the Buying and Selling of Cattle, were Read, and ordered a second Reading. Leave was given to bring in Heads of a Bill to prevent Brewers being Maltsters. The House went into a Committee of the whole House to consider further of Ways and Means for raising the Supply, and made a considerable progress therein; The said Committee is to sit again on Monday next. 'Twas ordered that the Heads of a Bill for the better Security of His Majesties Royal Person and Government, which were read the 16th Instant for the first time, be read again on Saturday next. The Bill for Confirming the Outlawries and Attainders, *&c.* was read this day a second time in the House of Lords, and Committed for to morrow.

Falmouth, Aug. 23. Yesterday arrived in this Port 4 Privateers, the *King-William*, the *Seven-Provinces*, the *Summer*, and the *Sermeete*, all belonging to *Zealand*; They came in 7 days from *St. Antonio*, and brought in with them two Prizes, one laden with Sugar from the *West-Indies*; and the other a French Privateer of 14 Guns; The latter was taken two days ago near the *Lizard*, having been but two days out of *St. Malo*.

Yarmouth,